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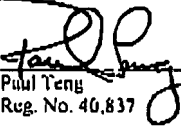
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Sir:

A Notice of Allowance dated May 31, 2007 was issued by the Patent Office in connection with the above-identified application. The due date for paying the issue fee is August 31, 2007.

While reviewing the file after receiving the Notice of Allowance, applicant found that the Patent Office had not returned an initialed version (that is, bearing the initials of the Examiner handling this application) of the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure

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Statement filed on November 21, 2003. Accordingly, applicant's representative contacted Examiner Bruce Hess of the Patent Office who is in charge of examination of this application.

On October 31, 2007, the undersigned received a telephone call from Examiner Hess who stated that he considered the references cited in the November 21, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement, and has decided that the application will be withdrawn from issue and that he will issue an Office Action rejecting one or more claims based on one or more of the references cited in the November 21, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement. The Examiner further stated that in view of these circumstances, applicant should not pay the issue fee.

In view of the discussion by the Examiner with the undersigned, applicant will not be paying the issue fee by the August 31, 2007, but instead will wait for the issuance of a new Office Action.

If the Examiner deems that a further telephone interview is necessary and/or could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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